

## Solomon Welles House Committee Meeting – October 9, 2012

Present: Mary Mahar, Chairperson; Carolyn Bedula, Gretchen Kelly, Harry Lichtenbaum, Marilyn McPhee and Sal Cucia, Assistant Director, of the Parks and Recreation Department. Absent: Nancy Doyle, Nancy Smith, Theresa Urbanski and Kathy Bagley.

Mary Mahar, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Mary noted that in her twenty-two years of serving on the Solomon Welles House Committee, this is the first time she ever remembered Kathy Bagley missing a meeting. Kathy had another town commitment and Sal Cucia ably represented the Recreation Department.

A correction to the minutes of the June 12, 2012 meeting was noted. The committee to choose the new caretaker should have included Theresa Urbanski along with Mary, Carolyn and Kathy. A motion was made by Gretchen and seconded by Carolyn to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2012 meeting as corrected.

There were no letters or announcements.

Sal said that the usual capital improvement projects are noted. There is a leak in the Solomon Welles room that should be addressed fairly soon. The House will have to be painted in the next few years. This was a major job last time it was done but at that time there was much remedial work that had to be done. Hopefully that will not be the case this time.

Doug Maliszewski, the new caretaker, moved into the apartment in August and assumed his duties. Mary complimented him on the lovely arrangements in the urns that flank the front door. He noted that the farmer's market and the farm to table dinner (attended by eighty people) had been very successful. The farmer's market has moved indoors to the Episcopal Church for the winter months. This weekend the Keane carnival will take place in Cove Park.

Doug had questions about outside decorations for the House for the Christmas season. It was suggested that he contact Kathy about this matter to discuss the guidelines.

In answer to a question by Harry about the water pressure issue in the kitchen, Doug reported this has been fixed.

Doug is very interested in the history of the Solomon Welles House and the prison. He has spent time with a member of the Wethersfield Historical Society learning about this history. Sal then showed a planning report from 2000 for the Wethersfield Cove area. Members expressed interest in receiving copies of the prison timeline at the end of the report.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Harry, seconded by Gretchen and approved at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn K. Bedula